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Fargo Business to Receive SBA Award in Washington, D.C.

SBA Administrator's Award for Excellence goes to C.S. DuBois Construction, Inc.

FARGO – C.S. DuBois Construction, Inc. will be honored with the *Administrator's Award for Excellence* during its *SBA Expo '05: Celebrating National Small Business* Week in Washington, D.C. on April 26 – 28th.

The award recognizes small businesses that have provided the government with outstanding goods and services as a prime contractor. C.S. DuBois Construction was nominated for an award by Dennis Langevin and Charles Kollitz from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Fargo. Based on this nomination, C.S. DuBois was also named SBA's 2005 North Dakota Prime Contractor of the Year.

"C.S. DuBois Construction is honest, dependable and they do quality work. We were pleased to recommend them for recognition during National Small Business Week," said Kollitz.

Chad DuBois formed C.S. DuBois Construction in 1996. When starting out in business, "the biggest challenge was breaking into the small construction market," said DuBois. C.S. DuBois Construction entered the SBA's 8(a) Business Development program, which is designed to help small firms compete with larger corporations for federal contracts. "SBA's 8(a) program helped us obtain our first government contracts so that we could prove our dependability and quality work," said DuBois. C.S. DuBois Construction is a full-service construction firm, specializing in general construction, remodeling and renovation of non-residential buildings.

SBA Expo '05 is an annual celebration of National Small Business Week which will feature special events, including award ceremonies honoring the nation's top entrepreneurs and state and national small business winners. This year, five North Dakota businesses will be honored by the SBA.

Coal Creak Construction of Underwood and JoAnne Johnson Contracting, LLC, of Minot, will also be honored with the *Administrator's Award for Excellence* recognizing their outstanding work as prime contractors.

J & G Landscaping, Inc. of Emerado will be honored as SBA's *Region VIII Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year* and will compete with nine other Regional winners for the national Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year award. Region VIII includes the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

Jon Swegarden and John Lund, of Precision Diagnostic Services, Inc. in Fargo, will be honored as SBA's 2005 North Dakota Small Business Persons of the Year and will compete for the national Small Business Person of the Year award.

For more than 40 years, National Small Business Week has recognized outstanding small business owners for their personal achievements and contributions to our nation's economy.

Each year since 1963, the President has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of Small Business Week.